

A Treaty between the United States of America and the Kaskaskia Tribe of Indians.

Articles of a Treaty made at Vincennes in the Indiana Territory between William Henry Harrison, Governor of the said Territory, Superintendent of Indian Affairs and Commissioner plenipotentiary of the United States for concluding any Treaty, or Treaties which may be found necessary with any of the Indian Tribes north West of the River Ohio of the one part and the Head Chiefs and Warriors of the Kaskaskia Tribe of Indians so called, ^{but} which Tribe is the remains and rightfully represent all the Tribes of the Illinois Indians originally called the Kaskaskia, Mitchigamia, Cahokia and Tamaroi of the other part.

Article 1st. Whereas from a variety of unfortunate circumstances the several Tribes of Illinois Indians are reduced to a very small number, the remains of which have been long consolidated and known by the name of the Kaskaskia Tribe, and finding themselves unable to occupy the extensive Tract of Country which of right belongs to them and which was possessed by their Ancestors for many Generations — The Chiefs and Warriors of the said Tribe being also desirous of procuring the means of Improvement in the Arts of civilized Life and a more certain and effectual Support for their Women and Children, HAVE for the Considerations hereinafter mentioned, relinquished and by these presents DO relinquish and cede to the United States All the Lands in the Illinois Country which the said Tribe has heretofore possessed, or which they may rightfully claim, Reserving to themselves however the Tract of about three hundred and fifty acres near the Town of Kaskaskia, which they have always held and which was secured to them by the Act of Congress of the third Day of March one thousand seven hundred and ninety one, and also the right of locating one other Tract of twelve hundred and eighty Acres within the Bounds of that now ceded, which two Tracts of Land shall remain to them for ever.

Article 2^d. The United States will take the Kaskaskia Tribe under their immediate Care and patronage, and will afford them a protection as effectual against the other Indian Tribes and against all other persons whatever as is enjoyed by their own Citizens — And the said Kaskaskia Tribe do hereby engage to refrain from making War, or giving any Insult, or offence to any other Indian Tribe or to any foreign Nation without having first obtained the Approbation and Consent of the United States.

Article 3^d. The Annually heretofore given by the United States to the said Tribe shall be increased to one thousand Dollars, which is to be paid to them either in Money, merchandise, provisions, or domestic Animals at the Option of the said Tribe; and when the said Annunity or any part thereof is paid in merchandise, it is to be delivered to them either at Vincennes, Fort Kaskas or Kaskaskia, and the first Cost of the Goods in the Seaport where they may be procured, is alone to be charged to the said Tribe free from the Cost of Transportation, or any other contingent Expence. — Whencever the said Tribe may choose to receive money, provisions or domestic Animals for the whole or in part of the said Annunity, the same shall be delivered at the Town of Kaskaskia. — The United States will also cause to be built a house suitable for the Accomodation of the Chief of the said Tribe and will enclose for their Use a field not exceeding one hundred Acres with a good and sufficient fence. — And whereas the greater part of the said Tribe have been baptised and received into the Catholic Church to which they are much attached, The United States will give annually for seven years one hundred Dollars towards the Support of a priest of that Religion, who will engage to perform for the said Tribe the Duties of his Office, and also to instruct as many of their Children as possible in the Rudiments of Literature — And the United States will further give the Sum of three hundred Dollars to assist the said Tribe in the Erection of a Church. — The Stipulations made in this and the preceding Article together with the sum of five hundred and eighty Dollars which is now paid or assured to be paid for the said Tribe for the purpose of procuring some necessary Articles and to relieve them from Debts which they have heretofore contracted, is considered as a full and ample Compensation for the Relinquishment made to the United States in the first Article.

Article 4th. The United States reserve to themselves the right, at any future period of dividing the Annunity now promised to the said Tribe, amongst the several families thereof, reserving always a suitable sum for the great Chief and his family.

Article 5th. And to the End that the United States may be enabled to fix, with the other Indian Tribes, a Boundary between their respective Claims, The Chiefs and Head Warriors of the said Kaskaskia Tribe do hereby declare that their rightful Claim is as follows, viz^t. Beginning at the Confluence of the Ohio and the Mississippi, thence up the Ohio to the Mouth of the Saline Creek about twelve miles below the mouth of the Wabash, Thence along the dividing Ridge between the said Creek and the Wabash until it comes to the general dividing Ridge between the waters which fall into the Wabash and those which fall into the Kaskaskia River, ^{and thence along the said ridge} until it reaches the waters which fall into the Illinois River, Thence in a direct Course to the mouth of the Illinois River and thence down the Mississippi to the Beginning.

Article 6th. As long as the Lands which have been ceded by this Treaty shall continue to be the property of the United States, the said Tribe shall have the privilege of living and hunting upon them in the same manner that they have hitherto done.

Article 7th. This Treaty is to be in force and binding upon the said parties as soon as it shall be ratified by the President and Senate of the United States.

In Witness whereof the said Commissioner plenipotentiary and the head Chiefs and Warriors of the said Kaskaskia Tribe of Indians have hereunto set their hands and affixed their Seals the thirteenth Day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and three and of the Independence of the United States the twenty Eighth. /

Will Henry Harrison

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Louis Decourcyne

Scaled and delivered (the words "and thence along the
"said bridge" between the third and fourth lines of the
fifth article, being first interlined) in the presence of -

Indice Jones, Secretary to the Commissioners

Henry Vanderhorst, one of the Judges of the Indiana Territory

J. F. Rivet, Indian Missionary

W. C. C. Colonel of Three County militia

Cornelius Lyman, Capt. & Staff Capt.

Lo. Johnson, of Indiana Territory

M. Parker, of the Indiana Territory

Joseph Harrison, Interpreter.

Treaty with the Kaskaskia
Tribe of Indians, /.

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In Senate of the United States.

November 16. 1803.

The Senate took into consideration the Treaty made
with the Kaskaskias tribe of Indians;

Whereupon,

Resolved, unanimously, that
the Senate do advise and consent to the ratification of the treaty, made
on the 13.th day of August last, at Vincennes, in the Indiana territory,
between the United States and the Kaskaskia tribe of Indians.

Attest,

Saml A. Otis Secretary.

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Resolution of the Senate, approving
the treaty with the Kaskaskia
Indians of the 13 Aug. 1803.

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Thomas Jefferson, President of the United States of America,

To all and Singular, to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:-

Whereas a certain Treaty between the United States and the Kaskaskia Nation of Indians was concluded and Signed at Vincennes in the Indiana Territory, on the thirteenth day of August last past, which Treaty is as follows:-

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Article 2^d The United States will take the Kaskaskia Tribe under their immediate care and patronage, and will afford them a protection as effectual against the other Indian Tribes and against all other persons whatever as is enjoyed by their own Citizens: And the said Kaskaskia Tribe do hereby engage to refrain from making War, or giving any insult or offence to any other Indian Tribe or to any foreign Nation without having first obtained the approbation and consent of the United States.

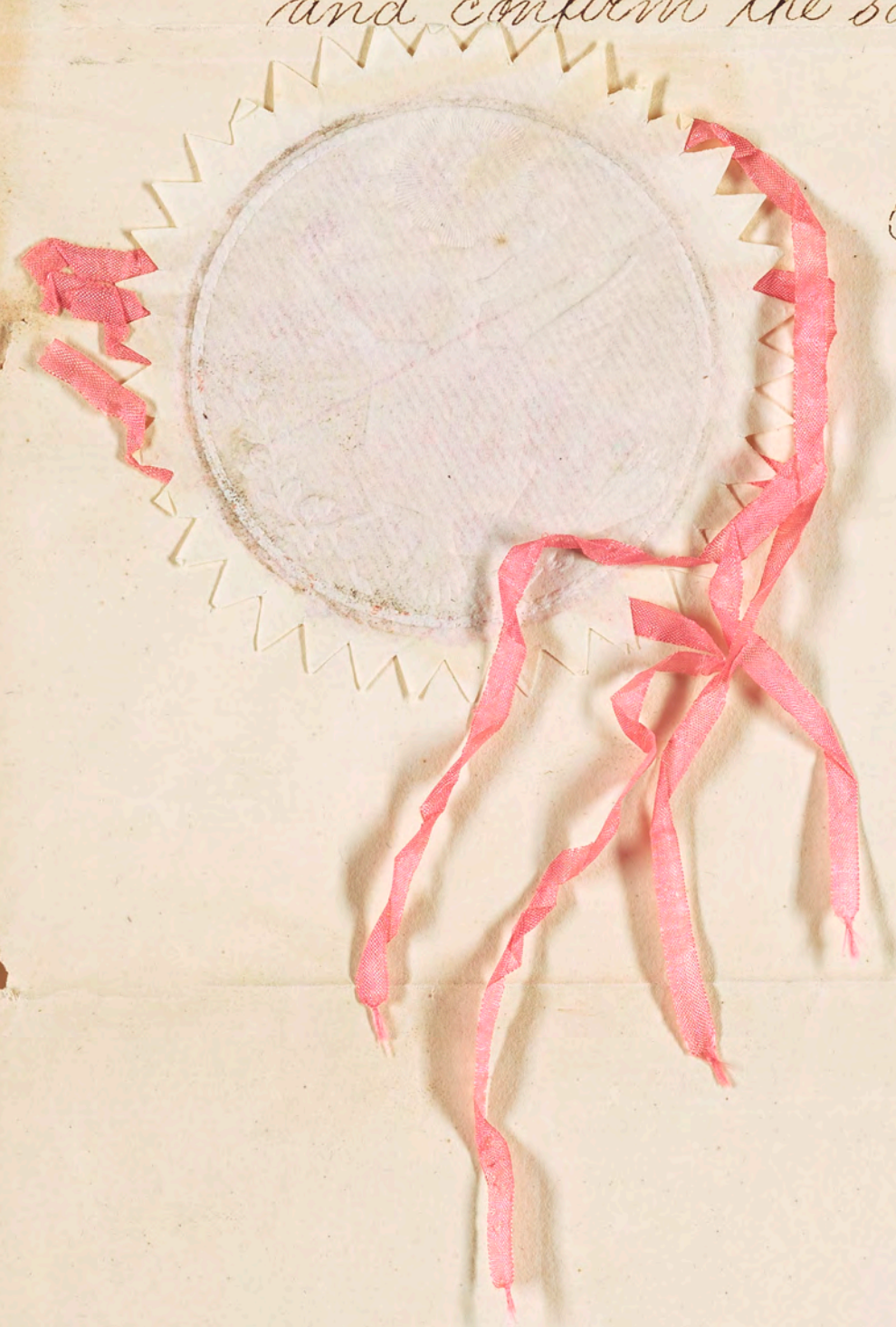
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Sealed

Sealed and Delivered }
in the presence of }
M^r. Rice Jones, Secretary to the Commissioner
Henry Vanderburg, One of the Judges of the Indiana Territory,
J. J. Rivet, Indian Missionary.
Weyo, Colonel of Knox County Militia.
Cornelius Lyman, Capt. 9th Inf^t Reg^t.
Saml^l Johnson, of Indiana Territory.
W. Parke, of the Indiana Territory.
Joseph Barron, Interpreter.

Now be it known, That I Thomas Jefferson, President of the United States of America, having seen and considered the said Treaty, Do by and with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof, accept, ratify and confirm the same and every clause and article thereof.



In Testimony whereof, I have caused the Seal of the said United States to be hereunto affixed, and Signed the same with my Hand. DONE at the City of Washington, the twenty fourth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and three, and of the Independence of the United States, the Twenty Eighth.

Th: Jefferson

By the President.

James Madison

Secretary of State

1803,

*Treaty with the Kaskaskia
Nation of Indians.*

Dated Aug 13. 1803

Ratified Nov. 24. 1803

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By the President of the United States of America.
A Proclamation.

Whereas a Treaty between the United States of America, and the Kaskaskia Nation of Indians, was concluded and signed, on the Thirteenth day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred and three, and was duly ratified and confirmed by the President of the United States on the twenty fourth day of November in the Year aforesaid, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, which Treaty is in the words following, to wit:

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Now therefore to the end that the said Treaty may be observed
and performed with good faith on the part of the United States, I have
caused the premises to be made public, and I do hereby enjoin and
require all persons bearing office, civil or Military, within the United
States, and all others, Citizens or Inhabitants thereof, or being within
the same, faithfully to observe and fulfil the said Treaty and every
clause and article thereof.

In Testimony whereof, I have caused the Seal
of the United States to be affixed to these presents, and
signed the same with my hands.

DONE at the City of Washington the Twenty
third day of December in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and three, and of the
Independence of the said States, the Twenty Eighth.

By the President, *Th: Jefferson*

James Madison Secretary of States.